

2015 Election Information Guide

Election and Filing Information
for Jurisdictions and Candidates



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The 2015 Election Information Guide is designed to provide election and filing information to jurisdictions and candidates. The guide is for informational purposes only and does not take the place of local, state or federal laws. Please contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 if you need additional information or have questions.

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Section 1

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April 28 Special Election

District Ballot Measures

Resolutions/measures due	March 13, 5pm
Explanatory statement due	March 13, 5pm
Pro/Con committee appointments due	March 13, 5pm
Pro/Con statements due	March 17, 5pm
Pro/Con rebuttal statements due	March 19, 5pm
Local Voters' Pamphlet mailed	April 9

Voter Registration Deadlines

Last day to register by mail/online	March 30
Last day to update any registration	March 30
Last day to register in office	April 20

Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	March 27
Ballot drop boxes open	March 27
Accessible voting begins in office	April 8
All other ballots mailed	April 9
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	April 28

Election Day	April 28
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Certification of Election Results

County Certification	May 12
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August 4 Primary

Candidate/Campaign

Filing for office by mail	April 27 - May 15
Filing for office online or in person	May 11 - 15
Candidate withdrawal period	May 11 - 18
Lot drawing for all candidates	May 15, 5:01pm
Filing as a write-in candidate	May 18 - July 17
Voters' pamphlet statement/photo due	May 29, 5pm
Voters' pamphlet mailed	July 15

District Ballot Measures

Resolutions/measures due	May 8, 5pm
Explanatory statement due	May 8, 5pm
Pro/Con committee appointments due	May 8, 5pm
Pro/Con statements due	May 22, 5pm
Pro/Con rebuttal statements due	May 27, 5pm

Voter Registration Deadlines

Last day to register by mail/online	July 6
Last day to update any registration	July 6
Last day to register in office	July 27

Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	June 19
Ballot drop boxes open	June 19
Accessible voting begins in office	July 15
All other ballots mailed	July 16
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	August 4

Primary Day	August 4
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Certification of Election Results

County Certification	August 18
State Certification	August 21

November 3 General Election

Candidate/Campaign

Filing as a write-in candidate	May 18 - October 16
Voters' pamphlet statement/photo due	August 12, 5pm
Voters' pamphlet mailed	October 14

District Ballot Measures

Resolutions/measures due	August 4, 5pm
Explanatory statements due	August 4, 5pm
Pro/Con committee appointments due	August 4, 5pm
Pro/Con statements due	August 18, 5pm
Pro/Con rebuttal statements due	August 21, 5pm

Voter Registration Deadline

Last day to register by mail/online	October 5
Last day to update any registration	October 5
Last day to register in office	October 26

Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	September 18
Ballot drop boxes open	September 18
Accessible voting begins in office	October 14
All other ballots mailed	October 15
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	November 3

General Election Day

November 3

Certification of Election Results

County Certification	November 24
State Certification	December 3

February 9, 2016 Special Election

District Ballot Measures

Resolutions/measures due	December 24, 5pm
Explanatory statement due	December 24, 5pm
Pro/Con committee appointments due	December 24, 5pm
Pro/Con statements due	December 29, 5pm
Pro/Con rebuttal statements due	December 31, 5pm
Local Voters' Pamphlet mailed	January 21

Voter Registration Deadlines

Last day to register by mail/online	January 11
Last day to update any registration	January 11
Last day to register in office	February 1

Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	January 8
Ballot drop boxes open	January 8
Accessible voting begins in office	January 20
All other ballots mailed	January 21
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	February 9

Election Day

February 9

Certification of Election Results

County Certification	February 23
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2016 Election Calendar

(RCW 29A.04.311, 321)

<u>Ballot Measure Due</u>	<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Election Certified</u>
December 24, 2015	February 9, 2016	February 23, 2016
March 11, 2016	April 26, 2016	May 10, 2016
May 13, 2016	August 2, 2016	August 16, 2016
August 2, 2016	November 8, 2016	November 29, 2016

Section 2

Candidate Filing and Campaign Information

In this section:

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Filing for Office

To run for political office, all candidates must submit a declaration of candidacy during the designated filing period.

The declaration of candidacy form captures:

- The office sought
- A candidate’s name and address
- The candidate’s name as it should appear on the ballot
- The candidate’s party preference if the office sought is partisan
- Campaign contact information
- A filing fee
- An oath confirming the qualifications of the office have been met

Requirements

Qualifications

Each candidate is responsible for meeting the qualifications of the office. This typically includes being a registered voter in the district. For a complete list of qualifications for each office, please refer to the Offices up for Election in 2015 on pages 14 – 25.

Ballot name

A candidate’s last name on the ballot must match the last name under which he/she is registered to vote. Candidates cannot use a nickname that denotes occupation, military rank, their positions on issues, or their political affiliations or intentionally misleads voters.

Party preference

Each candidate seeking a partisan office may state a political party preference. A candidate’s preference does not imply endorsement by the party or that the party approves of or associates with the candidate. Each candidate will retain the party preference from the Primary to the General Election.

Filing fee

If the office has a salary, candidates are required to pay a filing fee equal to 1% of the salary. There is no filing fee for offices with no salary. See Offices up for Election in 2015 on pages 14 – 25 for filing fees for specific offices.

If you cannot afford the filing fee, please contact Snohomish County Elections for an explanation of the petition in lieu of filing fee process.

Where to File

Candidates for most offices can file their declaration of candidacy with Snohomish County:

- Online at www.snoco.org/elections
- By mail or in-person at:
Snohomish County Auditor’s Office
3000 Rockefeller Ave, MS 505
1st floor, Administration Building West
Everett, WA 98201

City of Bothell, Northshore School District and Ronald Wastewater District file with King County.

Filing by mail:	April 27 – May 15
Filing online or in person:	May 11-15

Any declaration received by mail before April 27 will be returned and the candidate will be permitted to resubmit his/her declaration during the filing period.

Withdrawing from a race

A candidate may withdraw from a race after filing through May 18. Any filing fee will not be refunded. After May 18, a candidate’s name will be on the ballot regardless of a candidate’s intention to campaign for office or take the oath of office if he/she win election.

Filing for Office (continued)

Declared Write-in Candidates

To file as a declared write-in, a candidate must no later than 18 days before the primary or general election:

- File in person or by mail a declaration of candidacy
- Pay the office filing fee, if applicable

<u>Election</u>	<u>Last day to file as a write-in</u>
August 4 Primary	July 17
November 3 General Election	October 16

Questions?

Contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or elections@snoco.org

Candidate Workshop - Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Candidates and campaign staff are invited to attend a workshop focused on filing and running for office in Snohomish County.

This 2 hour workshop will cover the following topics:

- Candidate Filing
- Local Voters' Pamphlet submissions
- Campaign Considerations
- Public Disclosure Information

When: Tuesday, April 21, 2015
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Snohomish County Campus
3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett
1st Floor Admin-East (Robert Drewel Bldg)
Public Meeting Room

Questions: 425-388-3444



Local Voters' Pamphlet for Candidates

Snohomish County publishes a local voters' pamphlet (LVP) featuring candidates and issues for primaries and general elections. Each candidate is encouraged to participate by submitting the following for the local voters' pamphlet:

- A biography
- A statement
- A photo

Requirements

- All candidate biographies, statements and photos must be submitted electronically
- The combined total word count for the biography **and** the statement may not exceed **200 words**
- Biography headings Elected Experience, Other Professional Experience, Education, and Community Service do not count towards the word limit
- Errors in spelling or grammar will not be corrected by Snohomish County Elections
- Statements may be rejected if the submitted statement contains obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, libelous, or defamatory language
- Candidate photographs must have been taken within the last 5 years and may not include any uniform, judicial robes, hats or brand insignias

Where and When to Submit Statements and Photos

Candidate statements and photos are submitted online. A link to the submission tool will be provided at the time of filing. Submissions must be received no later than the deadline below. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Election

August 4 Primary

November 3 General Election

Last day to submit materials for LVP

May 29 @ 5pm

August 12 @ 5pm

Questions?

Contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or online at www.snoco.org/elections.

Sample LVP Submission

Jessica Smith

(Prefers Clean Water Party)



Elected Experience: : Crystal Clear Water District Commissioner (6 years); local PCO (4 years)

Other Professional Experience: Civil Engineer – Build-It Better Engineering, Seattle, WA (2001 – Present)

Education: B.S. Civil Engineering – University of Washington (2000)

Community Service: Rivers of America (2012-2013)

Statement: As a practicing civil engineer and a lifelong drinker of water, I understand the benefits of a clean, safe, efficient water district delivery system. Under my oversight and leadership, the Crystal Clear Water District has improved how it delivers water to customers and the quality of water that is delivered. What I have learned during my time as water district commissioner is that efforts to protect, preserve and deliver quality water are not just the responsibility of the water district – it's a responsibility of government in general.

Let me be your voice in Olympia for clean, safe water.

Like me on Facebook and on your ballot.

Contact: (425) 555-1234

Vote4me@hotmail.com

Public Disclosure Commission Requirements

The Washington State Public Disclosure Commissioner (PDC) is responsible for ensuring candidates and campaigns comply with campaign finance laws. The type of district and the amount of campaign monies collected determines the type and extent of a campaign's PDC reporting requirements.

Reporting Requirements

Most candidates must file PDC reports within **two weeks** of a formal declaration of candidacy or organization of a campaign committee. Refer to the table below for clarification on which reports are required.

Campaign Contribution Limits

Contributions to candidates and campaigns from individuals and groups are limited by state law and Washington Administrative Code 390-05-400:

- Individual contribution limit - \$950 per election
- Union & corporation contribution limit - \$950 per election
- Political Action Committees registered with the PDC contribution limit - \$1,900 per election

Where to Submit PDC Reports

Public Disclosure Commission

711 Capitol Way, Room 403
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908
(877) 601-2828
pdc@pdc.wa.gov
www.pdc.wa.gov

	Are you required to file a Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Form)?	Are you required to file Campaign Disclosure Reports ("C" Forms)?
County-wide Office: County Council, Executive, Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer	Yes	Yes
Office in a City or Town of: Fewer than 1,000 registered voters* 1,000 to 4,999 registered voters* 5,000 or more registered voters*	No Reporting Requirements Yes Yes	No Reporting Requirements No Yes
Office in a District (Fire, Hospital, Park, Port, School, Sewer, Water) of: Fewer than 1,000 registered voters* 1,000 to 4,999 registered voters* 5,000 or more registered voters* Districts where voters must have special qualifications such as property ownership	No Reporting Requirements Yes Yes No Reporting requirements	No Reporting Requirements No Yes No Reporting requirements

*Number of registered voters as of the preceding general election.

County Reporting Requirements

In addition to Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) reporting requirements, campaigns for county offices are subject to additional reporting requirements.

Any candidate for a county office (county council, executive, assessor, auditor, clerk, sheriff, treasurer) shall file copies of any state PDC forms C1 through C7 with Snohomish County Recording, a division of the Auditor's Office. Reports are due at Snohomish County Recording on the same day that they are due at the Public Disclosure Commissioner.

Public Disclosure Commission documents filed with the county are filed under the candidate's name and can be reviewed in the Public Records area of the:

Snohomish County Customer Service Center
1st floor, Robert J. Drewel Building
3000 Rockefeller Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

or online by visiting www.snoco.org and entering "recording" in the top right search box.

For more information:

Snohomish County Recording
3000 Rockefeller Avenue M/S 204
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 388-3483

Offices Up for Election in 2015

The following pages contain a list of offices up for election, the current office holders, the qualifications required to run for office, the filing fee and where filing takes place.

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Offices Up for Election in 2015

County Executive

A candidate must be:

- Over 21 years old at the time of the election
- A county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- A registered voter in the county
- Not seeking to be elected to a fourth consecutive full term

County executive is a partisan office and candidates will be asked to state a political party preference at the time of filing. Political party preference will appear on the ballot and in other election material.

County executive assumes office January 1, 2016.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
County Executive	John Lovick	D	4 year	\$1,643.36	Snohomish County

County Council

A candidate must be:

- Over 21 years old at the time of the election
- A county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- A registered voter in the council district in which the candidate files
- Not seeking to be elected to a fourth consecutive full term

County council is a partisan office and candidates will be asked to state a political party preference at the time of filing. Political party preference will appear on the ballot and in other election material.

County council members assume office January 1, 2016.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
County Council - District 2	Brian Sullivan	D	4 year	\$1,135.67	Snohomish County
County Council - District 3	Stephanie Wright	D	4 year	\$1,135.67	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2015

County Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Sheriff or Treasurer

A candidate must be:

- Over 21 years old at the time of the election
- A county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- A registered voter in the county
- Not seeking to be elected to a fourth consecutive full term

County assessor, auditor, clerk, sheriff and treasurer are nonpartisan offices and candidates do not state a political party preference.

County Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Sheriff or Treasurer assume office January 1, 2016 or upon election certification if filling an unexpired or short term.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Assessor	Cindy Portmann	NP	4 year	\$1,141.62	Snohomish County
Auditor	Carolyn Weikel	NP	4 year	\$1,141.62	Snohomish County
Clerk	Sonya Kraski	NP	4 year	\$1,133.57	Snohomish County
Sheriff	Ty Trenary	NP	4 year	\$1,295.54	Snohomish County
Treasurer	Kirke P. Sievers	NP	4 year	\$1,080.03	Snohomish County

County Charter Review Commissioner

A candidate must be:

- Over 21 years old at the time of the election
- A county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- A registered voter in the council district in which the candidate files

County charter review commissioners are nonpartisan offices and candidates do not state a political party preference.

The three (3) highest vote getters within each of the five council districts are elected. There are a total of fifteen committee members.

This office appears on the General Election ballot only.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Charter Review Committee - Council District 1	Vacant	NP	1 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Charter Review Committee - Council District 2	Vacant	NP	1 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Charter Review Committee - Council District 3	Vacant	NP	1 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Charter Review Committee - Council District 4	Vacant	NP	1 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Charter Review Committee - Council District 5	Vacant	NP	1 year	no fee	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2015

City/Town Mayor

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter of the city at the time of filing
- A resident of the city at least one year preceding election

City/Town mayors is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference.

City/Town mayors assume office January 1, 2016 or upon election certification if filling an unexpired or short term.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Arlington Mayor	Barb Tolbert	NP	4 year	\$180.00	Snohomish County
Darrington Mayor ¹	Dan Rankin	NP	4 year	\$48.00	Snohomish County
Edmonds Mayor	Dave Earling	NP	4 year	\$1,132.09	Snohomish County
Lake Stevens Mayor	Vern Little	NP	4 year	\$144.00	Snohomish County
Marysville Mayor	Jon Nehring	NP	4 year	\$1,254.11	Snohomish County
Sultan Mayor	Carolyn Eslick	NP	4 year	\$60.00	Snohomish County

City/Town Council

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter of the city at the time of filing
- A resident of the city at least one year preceding election

City/Town council members are nonpartisan offices and candidates do not state a political party preference.

City/Town council members assume office January 1, 2016 or upon election certification if filling an unexpired or short term.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
City of Arlington					
Council Position 4	Randy Tendering	NP	4 year	\$48.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Marilyn Oertle	NP	4 year	\$48.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Richard (Dick) Butner	NP	4 year	\$48.00	Snohomish County

¹ No minimum residency requirement for the Town of Darrington Mayor.

Offices Up for Election in 2015

City/Town Council (continued)

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
City of Bothell					
Council Position 2	Andy Rheaume	NP	4 year	\$120.00	King County
Council Position 4	Bill Evans	NP	4 year	\$120.00	King County
Council Position 6	Mark Lamb	NP	4 year	\$120.00	King County
City of Brier					
Council Position 4	Kerin Steele	NP	4 year	\$24.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Dale Kaemingk	NP	4 year	\$24.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Dennis J. Nick	NP	4 year	\$24.00	Snohomish County
Council-at-Large	John M. Joplin	NP	2 year	\$24.00	Snohomish County
Town of Darrington²					
Council Position 3	Judy (White) O Connor	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Council Position 4	Kevin Ashe	NP	Short & 4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Mary E. Requa	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
City of Edmonds					
Council Position 2	Michael Jay Nelson	NP	2 year unexpired	\$72.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 4	Diane Buckshnis	NP	4 year	\$72.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Joan Bloom	NP	4 year	\$72.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Thomas Mesaros	NP	Short & 4 year	\$72.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 7	Lora Petso	NP	4 year	\$72.00	Snohomish County
City of Everett					
Council Position 4	Ron Gipson	NP	4 year	\$262.79	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Scott Bader	NP	4 year	\$262.79	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Brenda Stonecipher	NP	4 year	\$262.79	Snohomish County
Council Position 7	Judy Tuohy	NP	4 year	\$262.79	Snohomish County
City of Gold Bar					
Council Position 4	Robert (Bob) Strom	NP	4 year	\$12.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Paul Jones	NP	Short & 4 year	\$12.00	Snohomish County
City of Granite Falls					
Council Position 4	Tess Greene	NP	4 year	\$12.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Matt Hartman	NP	4 year	\$12.00	Snohomish County
Town of Index²					
Council Position 1	Karen Sample	NP	2 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Council Position 2	Bob Hubbard	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Council Position 3	Blair Corson	NP	2 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Council Position 4	Alexander Gibb	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Edward (Ed) Boress	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County

² No minimum residency requirement for the Town of Darrington and the Town of Index Council positions .

Offices Up for Election in 2015

City/Town Council (continued)

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
City of Lake Stevens					
Council Position 3	John Spencer	NP	4 year	\$36.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 4	Todd Welch	NP	4 year	\$36.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Suzanne Quigley	NP	4 year	\$36.00	Snohomish County
City of Lynnwood					
Council Position 4	Loren Simmonds	NP	4 year	\$198.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Benjamin Goodwin	NP	4 year	\$198.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Sid Roberts	NP	4 year	\$198.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 7	Van Aubuchon	NP	4 year	\$198.00	Snohomish County
City of Marysville					
Council Position 5	Rob Toyer	NP	4 year	\$114.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Stephen C. Muller	NP	4 year	\$114.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 7	Kamille Norton	NP	4 year	\$114.00	Snohomish County
City of Mill Creek					
Council Position 5	Vince Cavaleri	NP	Short & 4 year	\$60.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Michael S. Todd	NP	4 year	\$60.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 7	Mark Bond	NP	4 year	\$60.00	Snohomish County
City of Monroe ³					
Council Position 4	James (Jim) Kamp	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Ed Davis	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Jason Gamble	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Council-at-Large	Kurt Goering	NP	2 year	no fee	Snohomish County
City of Mountlake Terrace					
Council Position 5	Bryan Wahl	NP	4 year	\$96.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Laura Sonmore	NP	4 year	\$96.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 7	Seاون Richards	NP	4 year	\$96.00	Snohomish County
City of Mukilteo					
Council Position 4	Steve Schmalz	NP	4 year	\$60.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Emily Vanderwielen	NP	4 year	\$60.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Linda G. Grafer	NP	4 year	\$60.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 7	Christine Cook	NP	Short & 4 year	\$60.00	Snohomish County
City of Snohomish					
Council-at-Large Position 1	Lynn Schilaty	NP	4 year	\$54.00	Snohomish County
Council-at-Large Position 2	Karen W. Guzak	NP	4 year	\$54.00	Snohomish County
Council-at-Large Position 3	Paul Kaftanski	NP	4 year	\$54.00	Snohomish County

³ City of Monroe limits elected officials to 2 consecutive full terms. See Municipal Code 2.26 for more information.

Offices Up for Election in 2015

City/Town Council (continued)

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
City of Stanwood					
Council Position 3	Richard (Rick) Randall	NP	4 year	\$36.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 4	Matthew (Matt) McCune	NP	4 year	\$36.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Lawrence (Larry) Sather	NP	4 year	\$36.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 6	Conrad Ryer	NP	4 year	\$36.00	Snohomish County
City of Sultan					
Council Position 4	Sarah Davenport-Smith	NP	4 year	\$18.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Joe Neigel	NP	4 year	\$18.00	Snohomish County
Council Position 7	Jeffrey A. Beeler Sr.	NP	4 year	\$18.00	Snohomish County
Town of Woodway					
Council Position 4	Thomas Howard	NP	Short & 4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Council Position 5	Elizabeth Mitchell	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County

City Municipal Court Judge

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter in the county
- Admitted to practice in the courts of record of Washington State

City municipal court judge positions are nonpartisan offices and candidates do not state a political party preference.

City municipal court judges assume office January 1, 2016 or upon election certification if filling an unexpired or short term.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Edmonds Municipal Court Position 1	Linda Coburn	NP	2 year unexpired	\$1,060.78	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2015

School District Board Director

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter of the school district at the time of filing
- Reside in the director district in which the candidate files

School district board directors are nonpartisan offices and candidates do not state a political party preference.

School district board directors assume office at the first official Board of Directors meeting after election certification.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Arlington School District No. 16					
Director District 1	Jeffrey D. Huleatt	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 2	Jim Weiss	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 4	Kay E. Duskin	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Darrington School District No. 330					
Director District 1	Jennifer M. West	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 2	W. Alan Pickard	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 3	Judith K. Nevitt	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director-at-Large District 5	Joe V. Perrault	NP	2 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Edmonds School District No. 15					
Director District 1	Kory DeMun	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 3	Gary Noble	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 4	April Nowak	NP	2 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 5	Diana White	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Everett School District No.2					
Director-at-Large Position 3	Caroline Mason	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director-at-Large Position 4	Traci Mitchell	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Granite Falls School District No. 332					
Director District 2	Robert Butler	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 3	Shana Hoople	NP	2 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 4	Thomas B. Eadie	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Index School District No. 63					
Director-at-Large Position 3	Kim Peterson	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director-at-Large Position 4	Susan C. Cross	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director-at-Large Position 5	Amy Johnson	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Lake Stevens School District No. 4					
Director District 1	David Iseminger	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 2	Paul Lund	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 3	Mari Taylor	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2015

School District Board Director (continued)

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Lakewood School District No. 306					
Director District 2	Catherine "Sandy" Gotts	NP	2 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 4	Gregory Jensen	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 5	Lawrence Bean	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Marysville School District No. 25					
Director District 2	Mariana Maksimos	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 3	Pete Lundberg	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 5	Thomas Albright	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Monroe School District No. 103					
Director District 2	Nancy Truitt Pierce	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 5	Katy Woods	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Mukilteo School District No. 6					
Director District 1	Mike Simmons	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 3	Ron Johnson	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 5	John J. Gahagan	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Northshore School District No. 417					
Director District 2	Janet P. Quinn	NP	4 year	no fee	King County
Director District 3	Dawn McCravey	NP	4 year	no fee	King County
Snohomish School District No. 201					
Director District 2	Leah Hughes-Anderson	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 4	David B. Johnston	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401					
Director District 3	Julie Dean	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 4	Ken Christoferson	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director-at-Large	Darlene Hartley	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Sultan School District No. 311					
Director District 1	William Russ Sumpter	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 3	Steven Fox	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Director District 4	Ed Husmann	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2015

Fire District Commissioner

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter of the fire district at the time of filing

Fire district commissioners are nonpartisan offices and candidates do not state a political party preference.

Fire district commissioners assume office January 1, 2016 or upon election certification if filling an unexpired or short term.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Fire District No. 1					
Commissioner Position 1	Bob Meador	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 2	Richard Schrock	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 3					
Commissioner Position 2	William H. Snyder	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 5	Rick Edwards	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 4					
Commissioner Position 2	Jim Schmoker	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 5					
Commissioner Position 2	Brian Copple	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 7					
Commissioner Position 2	Jeff Schaub	NP	Short & 6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 10					
Commissioner Position 2	Mark E. Mitchell	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 12					
Commissioner Position 2	David DeMarco	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 14					
Commissioner Position 2	David Fennell	NP	Short & 6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 15					
Commissioner Position 2	Marlin Fryberg Jr.	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 16					
Commissioner Position 2	Kevin Hickson	NP	Short & 6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 17					
Commissioner Position 2	John B. Gillett, III	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 18					
Commissioner Position 2	Janet Iverson	NP	2 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 3	Bob Magee	NP	Short & 6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 19					
Commissioner Position 2	Kevin Buhr	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 21					
Commissioner Position 2	Dan Britton	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2015

Fire District Commissioner (continued)

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Fire District No. 22					
Commissioner Position 2	Tim Bailey	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 23					
Commissioner Position 2	John Sobieski	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 24					
Commissioner Position 2	Dale L. Hamlin	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 5	Rich Dahl	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 25					
Commissioner Position 1	Steve Ramey	NP	4 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 3	Timothy J. Ward	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 26					
Commissioner Position 2	Glenrose Williams	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 4	Molly Olson	NP	Short & 6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 27					
Commissioner Position 1	Robert Hall	NP	4 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 2	Judith M. DeLeon	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Fire District No. 28					
Commissioner Position 2	Patrick Sample	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 5	Leigh Christianson	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Lake Stevens Fire					
Commissioner Position 2	Jim Steinruck	NP	Short & 6 year	no fee	Snohomish County

Water/Sewer District Commissioner

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter of the water/sewer district at the time of filing

Water/Sewer district commissioners are nonpartisan offices and candidates do not state a political party preference.

Water/Sewer district commissioners assume office January 1, 2016 or upon election certification if filling an unexpired or short term.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Alderwood Water and Wastewater					
Commissioner Position 2	Donna J. Cross	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 5	Dean Lotz	NP	4 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Cross Valley Water					
Commissioner Position 3	W.E. (Skip) Schott	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County

Offices Up for Election in 2015

Water/Sewer District Commissioner (continued)

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Highland Water					
Commissioner Position 2	Richard (Dick) Johnson	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Lake Stevens Sewer					
Commissioner Position 2	George M. Wood	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Mukilteo Water and Wastewater					
Commissioner Position 2	Thomas McGrath	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Olympic View Water					
Commissioner Position 2	John Elsasser	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Ronald Wastewater					
Commissioner Position 3	Brian T. Carroll	NP	6 year	no fee	King County
Commissioner Position 5	Arnold H. Lind	NP	6 year	no fee	King County
Silver Lake Water and Sewer					
Commissioner Position 2	Bill Anderson	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Startup Water					
Commissioner Position 3	Brad Cone	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County

Hospital District Director

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter of the hospital district at the time of filing

Hospital district directors are nonpartisan offices and candidates do not state a political party preference.

Hospital district directors assume office January 1, 2016 or upon election certification if filling an unexpired or short term.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Hospital District No. 1					
Commissioner-at-Large Position 1	Alice Cabe	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner-at-Large Position 3	Gregory Accetturo	NP	2 year unexpired	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner-at-Large Position 4	Charles Strub	NP	TBD	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner-at-Large Position 5	Steve Matuschak	NP	TBD	no fee	Snohomish County
Hospital District No. 2					
Commissioner Position 2	Frederick Langer	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 5	J. Bruce Williams	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Hospital District No. 3					
Commissioner Position 3	Margo E. Powell	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner Position 4	Steve Peterson	NP	6 year	no fee	Snohomish County

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Offices Up for Election in 2015

Port District Commissioner

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter of the port commissioner district at the time of filing

Port district commissioners are nonpartisan offices and candidates do not state a political party preference.

Port district commissioners assume office January 1, 2016 or upon election certification if filling an unexpired or short term.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
Port of Edmonds⁴					
Commissioner District 2	David Preston	NP	4 year	\$30.48	Snohomish County
Commissioner-at-Large Position 4	James Orvis	NP	4 year	\$30.48	Snohomish County
Port of Everett					
Commissioner District 1	Troy McClelland	NP	6 year	\$76.20	Snohomish County

Park and Recreation District Commissioner

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter of the park and recreation district at the time of filing

Park and recreation district commissioners are nonpartisan offices and candidates do not state a political party preference.

Park and recreation district commissioners assume office January 1, 2016 or upon election certification if filling an unexpired or short term.

Offices up for election:

Office	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
East County Park & Recreation District					
Commissioner-at-Large Position 4	Vacant	NP	Short & 4 year	no fee	Snohomish County
Commissioner-at-Large Position 5	Brian Moody	NP	4 year	no fee	Snohomish County

⁴ Port of Edmonds has two "at-large" positions. These positions require a candidate be registered in the port district, but not in a specific commissioner district.

Campaign Resources and Information

Major Political Party Information

Snohomish County political parties may be helpful in candidate campaigns. They can be reached at:

Democratic Party Headquarters

Party Chair - Richard Wright
www.snocodems.org - (425) 252-2305

Republican Party Headquarters

Party Chair - Billye Brooks-Sebastiani
www.snocogop.com - (360) 653-1100

Snohomish County Voter Data

State law requires that voter data be available to candidates, campaigns and political parties to be used for political purposes. Voter data can be purchased from Snohomish County Elections to assist in campaign efforts.

Voter data that is available for purchase includes the voter's name, home and mailing address, precinct, registration date, elections voted, whether the voter's current election ballot has been returned and on what date, and if the voter signature on the return envelope has been questioned during the review process of the current election.

Common Data Requests

- Data file of all registered voters in the county or in a specific district or precinct
- Data file of all voters who voted in one or more election(s) in the county or in a specific district or precinct
- List of voters in a district or precinct (the list will be in pdf format sorted by address)
- Data file of voters for an election with ballot return dates of their ballots and voters whose signatures on the return envelopes have been questioned

Cost:

- \$11.50 base fee per report produced
- \$1.00 CD fee (if applicable)
- \$2.00 mailing fee (if applicable)

Please visit www.snoco.org/elections to download a data request form or contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 for more information.

Political Sign Regulations

State Regulations

The Department of Transportation and the Attorney General have provided the following rules to all candidates regarding placement of signs and placards along state highways.

The Scenic Vistas Act (RCW 47.42) restricts signs on interstate highways, all primary highways, and the entire Scenic and Recreational Highway System. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Scenic Vistas Act, and local zoning restrictions.

In accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66-050, political signs are considered a Type 3(b) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political signs are signs which endorse a political candidate or ballot issue. Temporary political campaign signs:

- Are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet in area
- Must be removed within ten days after the election
- Are subject to all other applicable provisions of Chapter 47.42 RCW and Chapter 468-66 WAC that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs

In addition to the above restrictions, the posting of advertising signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is illegal. Accordingly, any sign placed within the right-of-way of any state highway may be removed by the Department of Transportation.

Campaign Resources and Information (continued)

Political Sign Regulations (continued)

County Regulations

All political signs are subject to the zoning laws outlined in Snohomish County Code 30.27.070.

For information regarding county sign regulations please contact:

Snohomish County Public Works
Permitting Section
(425) 388-6453
or
Snohomish County Planning Department
Zoning Division
(425) 388-3311

City Regulations

For information regarding city sign placement regulations, please contact the public works department of the particular city.

Section 3

Ballot Measure Information

In this section:

- Submitting a Ballot Measure
- Local Voters' Pamphlet for Ballot Measures
- Ballot Measure Deadlines
- Election Costs
- Validation Figures for Ballot Measures

Submitting a Ballot Measure

For a ballot measure to appear before voters in a primary or election, a local jurisdiction must submit a resolution to the Auditor's Office calling for an election.

Requirements

Resolutions

Resolutions passed by the local jurisdiction's governing body must include:

- the date of the election at which the measure should appear on the ballot
- the authority under which the measure is placed on the ballot
- a potential ballot title to appear on the ballot
- authorization signature(s) of the governing body

Ballot Titles

A ballot title is the language that will be presented to voters on the ballot. The ballot title should:

- adhere to all legal requirements based on the type of measure (levy, bond, capital projects, etc.)
- appear in the format illustrated below
- have voting responses no longer than 17 characters in length (responses such as yes/no or approved/rejected are strongly encourage)

Where and When to File

File a resolution with the Auditor's Office:

- in-person - 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Administration Building West, 1st Floor
- by email - elections@snoco.org
- by fax - (425) 259-2777

Due Dates

Election

April 28 Special
August 4 Primary
November 3 General

Resolution Due

March 13
May 8
August 4

Questions

For more information regarding the submission of ballot measures, contact the Elections Division at (425) 388-3444.

Example

Name of Jurisdiction: Kidsrule School District No. 45
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1
Short Title: General Obligation Bonds - \$1,000,000

Ballot Title: The Board of Directors of Kidsrule School District No. 45 approved proposition No. 111-01 for bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to replace and equip Hillydilly Elementary, modernize technology systems and equipment and do pre-planning site and facility analysis by issuing \$1,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years. Should this proposition be approved?

Response: Yes
No

Local Voters’ Pamphlet for Ballot Measures

Snohomish County Elections publishes a local voters’ pamphlet (LVP) featuring candidates and issues for primaries and general elections. Local voters’ pamphlets are printed at the request of local jurisdictions for the February or April elections.

Any jurisdiction with a measure on the Primary or General Election ballot must participate in the local voters’ pamphlet unless a waiver is granted by the County Council.

Requirements

Jurisdictions must submit:

- an explanatory statement
- pro and con committee appointments

Explanatory Statement

A ballot measure’s explanatory statement must:

- address the anticipated effect of a measure if passed into law
- not exceed 200 words
- be submitted with a letter confirming it was written or approved by the jurisdiction’s attorney

Pro/Con Committee Appointments

The jurisdiction’s legislative authority has the responsibility of appointing up to three members for both:

- a pro committee that will write a statement for the measure and a rebuttal to the con committee’s statement
- a con committee that will write the statement against the measure and a rebuttal to the pro committee’s statement

A committee appointment form can be found online at www.snoco.org/elections. Each committee is allowed

up to three members, but can seek the advice of any number of individuals.

Snohomish County Elections will communicate and work directly with pro/con committee members once they are appointed.

Where and When to File

File pro/con appointments and explanatory statements with Snohomish County Elections:

- in-person - 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Administration Building West, 1st Floor
- by email - elections@snoco.org
- by fax - (425) 259-2777

Explanatory statement and appointments are due no later than the deadline for resolutions for an election. See the table below for deadlines for the primary/general.

Questions?

For more information regarding local voters’ pamphlet due dates and procedures, please contact the Elections Public Information Technician, Heather Sorgen at (425) 388-3444.

Local Voters’ Pamphlet Deadlines			
Primary		General	
Election Date	August 4	Election Date	November 3
Resolution due	May 8, 5pm	Resolution due	August 4, 5pm
Explanatory due	May 8, 5pm	Explanatory due	August 4, 5pm
Pro/Con Appoints due	May 8, 5pm	Pro/Con Appoints due	August 4, 5pm
Pro/Con Statements due	May 22, 5pm	Pro/Con Statements due	August 18, 5pm
Pro/Con Rebuttals due	May 27, 5pm	Pro/Con Rebuttals due	August 21, 5pm

Election Costs

Jurisdictions are responsible for sharing in the cost of elections in which they have a race or issue on the ballot.

The cost sharing model includes a minimum \$50 fee as well as a portion of all costs associated with the election. If there is only one jurisdiction on the ballot, that jurisdiction will be responsible for the entire cost of the election.

Calculation

The election cost for jurisdictions is calculated by Snohomish County Elections when expenses associated with an election have been determined.

Election expenses include staff costs; ballot printing and mailing costs (i.e. envelopes, postage, and ballots); legal advertising costs; other consumable supply costs; and elections overhead.

The individual jurisdiction’s cost of an election is based on:

- total number of jurisdictions with a race or issue on the ballot, and
- total number of registered voters in each of those jurisdictions.

Please see the election cost calculation example below:

In most cases, one can assume that the greater the number of jurisdictions that appear in an election, the more the expenses are divided, and the lower the election cost will be for a jurisdiction.

Payment

Jurisdictions with a Snohomish County Treasurer account will have their portion of election costs drawn automatically from this account approximately 30 days following election certification. A statement with the amount taken will be sent to each jurisdiction.

Jurisdictions without a Snohomish County Treasurer account will be sent an invoice with a request for prompt payment.

Questions?

For additional information about election costs or the process for calculating individual jurisdiction’s costs, contact Snohomish County Elections Manager, Garth Fell at 425-388-3625.

Calculation Example

The following is an example of how costs would be apportioned for an election with 3 jurisdictions placing issues before voters in a Special Election that costs \$200,000 to administer:

Jurisdictions	Registered Voters	Portion	Jurisdiction’s Portion of Costs
A	1,000	.01	\$2,000
B	24,000	.024	\$48,000
C	75,000	.075	\$150,000
Totals	100,000	1.00	\$200,000

Validation Figures for Ballot Measures

In addition to either a simple majority (50%+1) or a super majority (60%+1) vote requirement, some ballot measures require a minimum turnout based on the turnout in the previous year's General Election. This table shows:

- number of registered voters in each jurisdiction at the end of 2014
- number of votes cast in the 2014 General Election
- 40% of the number of votes cast in the 2014 General Election (the most common minimum turnout requirement)

District	Registered Voters in District	Votes Cast in 2014 General Election	40% of votes cast
Snohomish County	416,727	213,647	85,459
Public Utility District No. 1 (Island Co included)	428,232	221,400	88,560

City/Town

City of Arlington	9,923	4,900	1,960
City of Bothell* (King Co included)	24,775	13,506	5,403
City of Brier	4,638	2,697	1,079
Town of Darrington	693	339	136
City of Edmonds	28,349	17,206	6,883
City of Everett	49,088	22,619	9,048
City of Gold Bar	1,065	500	200
City of Granite Falls	1,845	833	334
Town of Index	112	70	28
City of Lake Stevens	16,498	8,044	3,218
City of Lynnwood	17,977	8,733	3,494
City of Marysville	33,847	15,890	6,356
City of Mill Creek	11,323	6,283	2,514
City of Monroe	7,444	3,790	1,516
City of Mountlake Terrace	11,454	5,357	2,143
City of Mukilteo	13,097	7,308	2,924
City of Snohomish	5,464	3,046	1,219
City of Stanwood	3,676	1,951	781
City of Sultan	2,336	1,133	454
Town of Woodway	952	590	236

School District

Arlington School District 16	18,987	10,278	4,112
Darrington School District 330 (Skagit Co included)	1,798	967	387
Edmonds School District 15	92,476	48,125	19,250
Everett School District 2	72,018	36,214	14,486
Granite Falls School District 332	8,137	3,974	1,590
Index School District 63	306	185	74
Lake Stevens School District 4	24,506	12,106	4,843
Lakewood School District 306	8,375	4,335	1,734
Marysville School District 25	40,028	19,122	7,649

Validation Figures for Ballot Measures

District	Registered Voters in District	Votes Cast in 2013 General Election	40% of votes cast
School District (cont.)			
Monroe School District 103	21,238	11,715	4,686
Mukilteo School District 6	46,563	22,028	8,812
Northshore School District 417 (King Co included)	79,778	44,068	17,627
Snohomish School District 201	34,457	19,307	7,723
Stanwood-Camano School District 401 (Island Co included)	22,969	14,124	5,650
Sultan School District 311	7,478	3,790	1,516
Fire District			
Fire District 1	71,504	34,410	13,764
Fire District 3	15,368	8,312	3,325
Fire District 4	17,711	10,270	4,108
Fire District 5	4,644	2,405	962
Fire District 7	33,006	17,281	6,913
Fire District 10	5,648	2,881	1,153
Fire District 12	9,094	4,754	1,902
Fire District 14	6,838	3,863	1,546
Fire District 15	2,937	1,437	575
Fire District 16	1,752	941	377
Fire District 17	7,151	3,450	1,380
Fire District 18	3,720	2,180	872
Fire District 19	2,215	1,246	499
Fire District 21	5,536	3,105	1,242
Fire District 22	3,281	1,876	751
Fire District 23	232	121	49
Fire District 24 (Skagit Co included)	1,765	950	380
Fire District 25	579	340	136
Fire District 26	2,473	1,176	471
Fire District 27	57	37	15
Fire District 28	307	185	74
Lake Stevens Fire	25,907	13,066	5,227
Bothell EMS District	10,102	5,502	2,201
North County Regional Fire Authority	10,558	6,043	2,418
Water/Wastewater/Sewer District			
Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	13,3682	66,872	26,749
Cross Valley Water District	15,112	8,585	3,434
Highland Water District	3,372	1,866	747
Lake Stevens Sewer District	17,488	8,577	3,431
Lake Armstrong Creek Water Sewer District	1	1	1
Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District	11,495	6,297	2,519

Validation Figures for Ballot Measures

District	Registered Voters in District	Votes Cast in 2013 General Election	40% of votes cast
Water/Wastewater/Sewer District (cont.)			
Olympic View Water District	9,566	5,538	2,216
Ronald Wastewater District (King Co included)	35,336	18,882	7,553
Silver Lake Water and Sewer District	29,350	15,355	6,142
Startup Water District	298	167	67
Hospital District			
Hospital District 1	64,491	35,601	14,241
Hospital District 2	100,424	52,505	21,002
Hospital District 3	19,791	10,742	4,297
Port District			
Port of Edmonds	14,212	9,294	3,718
Port of Everett	52,088	25,637	10,255
Library District			
King County Rural Library District (King Co included)	773,702	401,120	160,448
Sno-Isle Library District (Island Co included)	364,302	190,637	76,255
Arlington Library Capital Facility Area	18,683	9,936	3,975
Granite Falls Library Capital Facility Area	8,137	3,974	1,590
Monroe Library Capital Facility Area	14,779	7,916	3,167
Snohomish Library Capital Facility Area	34,631	19,411	7,765
Stanwood-Camano Island Library Capital Facility Area	11,464	6,371	2,549
Park & Recreation District			
East County Park and Recreation District	21,080	11,617	4,647
Lake Stevens Park and Recreation District	24,506	12,106	4,843
Northshore Park and Recreation District (King Co included)	33,790	43,917	17,567
Transportation District			
Arlington Transportation Benefit District	9,923	4,900	1,960
Edmonds Transportation Benefit District	28,349	17,206	6,883
Lynnwood Transportation Benefit District	17,977	8,736	3,495
Marysville Transportation Benefit District	33,847	15,890	6,356
Monroe Transportation Benefit District	7,444	3,790	1,516
Snohomish Transportation Benefit District	5,464	3,046	1,219
Stanwood Transportation Benefit District	3,676	1,950	780
Transportation Benefit Area	307,788	158,041	63,217
Regional Transit Authority	238,100	120,576	48,231

Section 4

Voting Information

In this section:

- Voter Registration
- Election Information
- Voting History of Snohomish County

Voter Registration

Who can register to vote?

You may register to vote if you are:

- A U.S. citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- A resident of Washington State for at least 30 days

In Washington, a voter does not register by political party or declare political party membership in any election.

When can I register to vote?

You may register online or by mail up to 29 days before the election or in-person at the Auditor's Office up to 8 days before the election. Once you are registered, you do not need to register again unless you change your address or name.

Where can I register to vote?

You may register online at www.vote.wa.gov. Mail-in registration forms are available at libraries, post offices, and at the Auditor's Office. You may also register when you renew your driver's license.

What if I change my name, signature or address?

If you change your name or move within Snohomish County, you must update your voter registration. Changes made 29 days or more before an election will take effect immediately. Changes made closer to Election Day will take effect after the election.

Name and signature changes may be made by completing a voter registration form and sending the updated information to Snohomish County Elections. Address changes may be made by calling Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or by sending an email to elections@snoco.org.

Can a voter's registration be canceled simply for failure to vote?

No. Failure to vote alone will not result in the cancellation of a voter's registration.

How are voters' registrations canceled?

Voters' registrations are canceled when a voter reregisters in another state or county; when Snohomish County Elections receives notice that a voter has died or has been imprisoned for a felony conviction; or when a voter contacts Snohomish County Elections requesting their registration be canceled.

Voters' registrations are also canceled by a periodic removal of voters that have been on inactive status for two successive federal elections. A voter is designated inactive if any mail from Snohomish County Elections is returned as undeliverable from the US Post Office. The voter is then sent a forwardable address verification postcard. The voter is reactivated if he/she votes or notifies Snohomish County Elections of a current address.

Election Information

All Mail Ballot Elections

Snohomish County is an all mail ballot environment. Ballots are mailed to all eligible registered voters 19 days (30/45 days for military and overseas voters) before each election. Ballots can be returned through the mail or at a 24-hour drop box. There are multiple 24-hour drop box locations throughout the county. These locations are sent with the ballot and posted on the Elections website.

A voter may request a replacement ballot through Election Day by contacting Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or visiting the office. Office hours are 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday and 8am to 8pm on Election Day.

The Top 2 Primary

The State of Washington has a Top 2 Primary system. Voters can choose to vote for any candidate regardless of their party preference. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary, will advance to the General Election.

A Primary is required if:

- more than two candidates file for the same position; or
- if the office is a partisan office
- if the office is decided in a Primary by law.

Candidates need at least 1% of the votes cast in a race to advance to the General Election.

Order of Races and Names on the Ballot

The order of races on a ballot is established by state law and local rule.

The order of candidate names within a race is determined by:

- lot draw for the Primary
- votes received in the Primary for the General Election

If there is no Primary, order of appearance on the General Election ballot is determined by lot draw.

Election Observers

The public, candidates and representatives of political parties may observe ballot signature verification and ballot processing at any time during the election period. All observers must sign in at either Snohomish County Elections, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Administration Building West, Everett or at the Ballot Processing Center, 1818 Pacific Avenue, Everett. On Election Day, visitors may observe the tabulation of ballots at the Ballot Processing Center.

Logic and Accuracy Testing

The logic and accuracy test is a public test of the election tabulation system. The test is witnessed by party representatives and for primaries or elections with state or federal races, a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State. Testing is conducted by Snohomish County Elections using the same software and hardware that will be used to tabulate ballots on Election Day.

Election Results

Local election results are available beginning at approximately 8:00pm on election night at the Snohomish County Elections website (www.snoco.org/elections), the Ballot Processing Center (1818 Pacific Ave, Everett), or by calling (425) 388-3444. Statewide results can be found on the Washington Secretary of State's Office website (www.vote.wa.gov).

Election night results generally represent ballots that have been received by Snohomish County Elections through the Monday before Election Day. Snohomish County Elections staff will continue to verify, open and tabulate mail and provisional ballots until the election is certified 14 or 21 days after the election.

Interim ballot tabulations are determined by voter turnout. Dates and times of interim releases of election results are posted on the Elections website.

Election Information (continued)

Canvassing Board Review of Ballots

The Snohomish County Canvassing Board is comprised of the County Auditor, Chair of the County Council, and the County Prosecuting Attorney or their designated representatives.

Ballots that require review by the Canvassing Board are brought before the Board usually one day before the official certification of the election. Notice of all Canvassing Board meetings are published in the Everett Herald newspaper and on Snohomish County Elections webpage. Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public, candidates and representatives of political parties.

Certification of Election Results

All elections must be certified by the Snohomish County Canvassing Board. The process of certification includes a review of the final election tabulation report and the signing of certification documents by each board member. The election certification process is open to the public, candidates and representatives of political parties.

Recounts

Automatic recounts apply to candidates and statewide measures. An automatic machine recount will occur if less than 1/2 of 1% and less than 2,000 votes cast separate candidates or issue responses in a race.

An automatic hand recount will occur if less than 1/4 of 1% and less than 150 votes (or 1,000 votes for statewide races) separate candidates or issue responses in a race.

A recount is applicable only to candidates nominated or elected and the closest defeated opponent based on certified election results. In a primary a recount could occur between the second and third place candidates. An automatic recount will only tally votes for the position in question and will be conducted without charge to any candidate.

A candidate or an officer of a political party may request and pay for a recount if the race is not close enough for an automatic recount or has been recounted once already. All requested recounts must be submitted no later than three business days after the official canvass is complete. A deposit of \$.15 per ballot for a machine count and \$.25 per ballot for a hand count by certified check or cash is required. Final cost of the recount will be calculated after the recount is complete. The recount will be conducted in a time-frame determined by the Canvassing Board.

Effective Date of State Measures

State ballot measures receiving a favorable majority vote are declared law by the Governor 30 days after the General Election, unless an effective date is contained within the text of the measure.

For more information:

Visit the following sites for more information on the elections process.

- **Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Title 29A**
apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw
- **Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Title 434**
apps.leg.wa.gov/wac
- **Snohomish County Charter Article 4 - Elections**
www.codepublishing.com/wa/snohomishcounty
- **United States Elections Assistance Commission**
www.eac.gov
- **Washington State Secretary of State's Office/ Elections Division**
www.vote.wa.gov
- **Snohomish County Elections**
www.snoco.org/elections
- **Washington State Public Disclosure Commission**
www.pdc.wa.gov

Voting History of Snohomish County

Primaries

Year	Number of Registered Voters	Precincts	Total Ballots Cast	Turnout %
2000	328,979	722	125,201	38.06%
2001	322,521	722	101,946	31.61%
2002	314,787	703	109,305	34.72%
2003	324,135	704	97,688	30.14%
2004	330,558	698	149,964	45.37%
2005	325,700	716	89,386	27.44%
2006	337,261	711	130,171	38.60%
2007	339,754	712	95,300	28.05%
2008	351,080	714	148,724	42.36%
2009	366,947	686	90,081	24.55%
2010	375,946	750	145,160	38.61%
2011	388,557	751	100,327	25.82%
2012	400,448	756	142,336	35.54%
2013	333,359	759	73,006	21.90%
2014	417,448	760	106,819	25.59%

General Elections

Year	Number of Registered Voters	Precincts	Total Ballots Cast	Turnout %
2000	338,163	722	253,423	74.94%
2001	323,927	722	151,575	46.79%
2002	318,170	708	181,075	56.91%
2003	325,063	704	130,835	40.25%
2004	352,238	698	296,968	84.31%
2005	354,116	716	175,937	49.68%
2006	334,369	711	208,243	62.28%
2007	333,618	712	170,760	51.18%
2008	372,636	714	324,179	87.00%
2009	371,915	742	180,794	48.61%
2010	377,739	750	270,662	71.65%
2011	384,165	751	200,128	52.09%
2012	415,504	756	334,664	80.54%
2013	417,775	759	173,494	41.53%
2014	416,389	760	213,647	51.31%



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